

As the old year ends

Enter Brian THE REALIST

By "RANGER"

WYCOMBE WANDERERS' new coach, Brian Lee, is the Director of the National Sports Centre at Bisham Abbey. He has considerable experience in professional, semi-professional and amateur ranks of soccer.

Born in Sale, Cheshire, he has held his present appointment with the Central Council of Physical Recreation at Bisham for 18 months. Prior to taking over at the Abbey, he was in charge of the C.C.P.R. Centre at Lillishall, Shropshire, for seven years.

During that time, Mr. Lee became manager of Wellington Town — the Southern League Premier Division side. He knew most of the wrinkles in that sphere, for it was only an injury to his foot that cut short his career as a professional at Port Vale.

When he took over at Wellington, the team was bottom of the league table and finished sixth. They went on to win the Midland Floodlight Cup as well.

A staff coach to the Football Association he has had charge of footballers from all grades over a period of time and, for the past two seasons, has coached Oxford University.

Is he excited about taking over the hot seat at Loakes Park? "I am a realist about football", he said, "I make no predictions about anything like that."

Exit Barry TO ST. ALBANS?

SINCE leaving Wycombe Wanderers last week, Barry Darvill has already been approached by two clubs—both Isthmian League.

"I have decided to take a couple of weeks to think over my decision very carefully," said the former Loakes Park manager-coach on Monday.

His choice lies between St. Albans City, the club which knocked Wanderers out of the F.A. Cup earlier this season on a replay at Clarence Park, and a second, "mystery" team, about which Darvill is prepared to disclose nothing other than it is based in North London and competes in the Isthmian League.